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Applicant: SHUICHI KANNO ET AL.  
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Title: PROCESS FOR TREATING FLUORINE COMPOUND  
CONTAINING GAS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 32-39 and 52-74 .

Please amend claims 40, 44, 45, 48 and 51 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claim 40, 44, 45, 48 and 51 are attached to this Preliminary Amendment).

40. (Amended) A process for treating a fluorine compound-containing gas, comprising: contacting a gas stream containing at least one compound consisting of (a) carbon and fluorine, (b) carbon, hydrogen and fluorine, (c) carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and fluorine, (d) SF<sub>6</sub>, and (e) NF<sub>3</sub>, with a catalyst comprising alumina as an

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